

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
October 9, 2012

## **DIRECTORS:**

Andre Aldax  
Barbara Byington  
John Capurro  
Greg Dennis  
Sal Quilici  
Todd Westergard  
Gwen Washburn  
Ernest Schank

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leo Bergin, Attorney  
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant  
Chad Blanchard, Water Master's Office

## **ABSENT:**

Mike Nevin  
Ron Penrose

President Aldax call meeting to order at 10 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –**

Director Westergard made a motion to approve the minutes and the checks written for September on Bank of America #9088 - #9094 and Nevada State Bank #2338 - #2344. Motion seconded by Director Capurro, motion carried.

## **FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -**

A copy of the water report is filed in the office. Chad Blanchard stated Farad 451 cfs this morning; 400 cfs Floriston rates, 48 cfs TCID/POSW from Donner, 3 cfs Fish water from Prosser. Bringing Donner down to winter levels and splitting the water between TMWA and TCID. Prosser has a small amount of uncommitted water left over for rates. Tahoe is at 6225.87 AF and always have a high rate of evaporation in October when water temperature and air temperature change. Chad hopes to have about 2' of carry over in Tahoe. All reservoirs are being brought down to flood control level.

President Aldax asked if there had been any news on the Federal Water Master position; had Judge George made a decision. Chad stated applications were accepted until September 28<sup>th</sup>, nothing had happened at this time.

## **WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM –**

Ms. Williams stated based on the last meeting, she had taken the old permit applications and criteria forms combined with the input from last month's meeting and put into a similar format application. The last page lists some criteria for the Board's consideration and also has release of funds information. In multiple places, it states the Board has the right to deny any and/or all applications. If it is approved, the application would be made into a PDF file so office could insert on the website.

Director Schank wanted statement regarding license, training for chemicals on Applications. Director Capurro stated this could be put under Permits & Approvals just add all chemical applications and licensing.

Director Dennis had a question regarding "Re-Vegetation & Maintenance: -- Provide a description of plans for providing re-vegetation of the treated areas and/or maintaining the area free of

species eradicated.” And/or wants to have area maintained in the future, is there a specified time limit the area will be maintained (minimum of five years the area will be kept free).

Ms. Williams stated the “and/or” would be to either supply a re-vegetation plan or a plan for how applicant is going to keep it weed free.

Director Westergard moved to accept the application for Weed Abatement Projects with the inclusion of wording regarding the safety training and the appropriate certification. Director Schank seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### **DRAFT FINANCIAL AUDIT –**

Ms. Bergin presented the Audited Financial Statements with Supplemental Information draft provided by Muckel Anderson. Director Capurro noted a comment we are doing an OK job. Director Byington noted we lost \$68,754, Director Dennis stated look on page 6 for the exact causes: revenues were less than actual expenses. Director Schank indicated staff had informed the Board the revenue was going down when the Budget was presented.

After much discussion regarding income and expense, Director Westergard made a motion to accept the Audited Financial Statement for 2011/12 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Washburn and Director Capurro, motion carried.

#### **ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –**

Ms. Williams presented her monthly report: Worked on the Weed Abatement forms as presented above. TriSage is continuing to monitor a potential project, TMWA is pursuing to collect and divert storm water/drainage from the Mae Anne/Mesa Park areas under the Highland Canal, across US 40, under the railroad tracks to a discharge point on the Truckee River.

Ms. Williams mentioned Chad had informed her of trees in river near Patagonia (west of Mayberry Bridge), she will assess the situation. Ms. Williams is still waiting for Robert Murakami, USACE with regard to river inspection.

Director Schank asked Ms. Williams about the storm drain culvert considered for removal from river. Ms. Williams had talked to City of Reno thinks it is not an impediment and there are no drawings on the culvert. City of Reno is not opposed to putting this project on their Capital Improvement list. If Army Corp comes back with a recommendation to remove, Lori will bring the information to us.

#### **LEGAL REPORT – Leo Bergin**

Nothing at this time

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

#### **BOARD COMMENTS/REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –**

Director Dennis asked Gwyn to show us the tax base for our revenue source is derived, he was just wondering where revenues come from. This will be provided at next meeting.

Director Capurro – stated Gwyn needs help, she has the corporate history of the Carson Truckee District and Washoe County Water Conservation District. Employees in the recent past are worried about the next three months or one case the next text message. Ms. Bergin stated a referral from Ms. Williams will be interviewed in the next week.

Director Quilici mentioned he would like to have on our application form where, how funds are spent and a presentation after the work is completed. Also, a contractor is working on DVCD project, the river flows are low and five of the seven projects will be able to be completed this year.

Director Schank stated he was informed by Richard Grimes, land specialty real estate person for

Fish and Wildlife that Judge George made a ruling concerning water Fish & Wildlife purchased from Ghiglia at Fort Churchill. The environmental assessment for purchasing water rights in the early 90's, a lot of comments about taking all the water purchased from the Newlands Project - part of the plan was to buy some water out of the project. Even though the water is segmented, this is being transferred water to Stillwater. If the water is moved it will lose its priority. This will not be appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

There being no further business, Director Quilici moved to adjourn, seconded by Director Schank. President Aldax stated next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

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Andre Aldax  
President

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Gwyn S. Bergin,  
Secretary/Treasurer